

go into the Chickasaw nation to either see or survey the land. Heartily tired I wish I was but on your side of the mountains again. I find here a number of North Carolinians who are all friendly and intimate. My dearest life & Love I never in my life was so desirous to see you, but so it is I must before that can happen travel 750 miles and receive 10 million thumps. I have been very well since I set out. I hope my sweet Nancy you and our dear little boys are in tolerable health. If I should go to the nation to survey the land I shall write you again before I start therefore I will conclude by subscribing myself your ever affectionate and loving Husband

E Pettigrew

I wrote you from Raleigh and Abingdon I hope you have recvd them. I was much disappointed this morning on going to the Post office and finding no letter for me

E. P.

[Addressed] Mrs Ann B Pettigrew
Newbern NC

Ebenezer Pettigrew to James Cathcart Johnston UNC

Newbern Dec 10, 1819

My dear Sir

I thank my God, I have once more arrived at this place after a long and fatiguing journey and disastrous as respects horses unparalleled having left Nashville the 16 Oct^r for home. I hope never to see any of /the/ west country again, not liking any of it which I saw nor any which I could have an account of I am satisfied it has no advantages over that in which I live, and any man who will move to it without seeing is crazy and he who move to it after must be still more so. I hope to see you shortly after Christmas and then I will give you an honest account of all I have seen. I hope to leave this in a few day forever as a home. Edenton and its vicinity forever. The mail is closing and I must conclude by hoping to see you shortly and begging to give my best respect to your sisters and accept my warmest wishes for your happiness from your much Esteemed friend.

E Pettigrew

N.B. Mrs P. & children are tolerable well.

I have a hint that there is to be a sale of Mr Collins'¹ property shortly. If the fourth of the Eastern tract should be offered I should